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PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Tetsujiro KONDO, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/048,103  
For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, COMMUNICATION APPARATUS,  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD, AND RECORDED MEDIUM  
Filed : May 31, 2002  
Examiner : Amir Alavi  
Art Unit : 2621

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	18	Minus	* =24	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	8	Minus	* =9	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 21, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.